

Secretary of State's Administrative Rule
Adopting Mail-in Voter Registration Form
To Comply with Federal and State Law Changes

- I. Authorization. Senate Bill 2857, 2004 Legislative Session, upon pre-clearance of the U.S. Department of Justice, requires the Secretary of State as the Chief Elections Official to promulgate any administrative rules necessary to bring the State of Mississippi into compliance with P.L. 107-252, the Help America Vote Act (Section 7).

Mississippi Code Annotated §23-15-47 (1972) specifies the design of the mail-in voter registration form to be used.

In October 2002, the U.S. Congress passed and the President signed the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252). Section 303 of the Act provides for certain information to be collected from voters at the time of registration.

- II. Scope. The attached mail-in voter registration form, incorporated fully herein, complies with Section 7, Senate Bill 2857, 2004 Regular Legislative Session; Mississippi Code Annotated § 23-15-47 (1972); and Section 303 of the Help America Vote Act (P.L. 107-252).
- III. Application. The attached voter registration form shall be used by all local registrars for registering citizens who register by mail.
- IV. Federal law requires the states to accept and use the mail-in voter registration the application form described in the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) for registration of voters in elections for federal office. Further, NVRA requires states to designate as voter registration agencies all offices that provide public assistance and offices that provide state-funded programs to persons with disabilities. These designated agencies are required to distribute with each application for assistance the mail-in voter registration application form described in the National Voter Registration Act. The intent of this rule is to adopt a uniform mail-in voter registration form for the State of Mississippi that complies with all federal and state law requirements.

MISSISSIPPI MAIL-IN AND NVRA AGENCY VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

IMPORTANT!

- If you are not registered to vote where you now live, you can use this form to register to vote or report that your name or address has changed.
- If you have questions call your county Circuit Clerk or call the Secretary of State at 1-800-829-6786.
- Complete all sections of this form and mail it to your county Circuit Clerk AT LEAST 30 days before the election in which you want to vote.
- If you are qualified and the information on your form is complete, you will be mailed a voter card that tells you where to vote.
- If you decline to register to vote, your decision not to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.
- If you do register to vote, the office at which you submit this application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration persons.

If this form is completed at an NVRA voter registration agency, record the name of the agency: _____

Section I. APPLICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Please select one of the following: **New Registration** ☐ **Change of Information** ☐

- 1) Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 2) Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? Yes ☐ No ☐
- 3) Would you like to serve as an Election Day Poll Worker? Yes ☐ No ☐

NOTE: If you checked "No" in response to questions 1 or 2, do not complete this form.

CIRCLE Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle/Maiden Name:	Suffix: (JR, III)
Physical Home Address (Number & Street/Road/Dorm/Apt. #): *		City:	County:	State: MS Zip:
Mailing Address (if different from above, include zip code):			Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy)	
Mississippi Driver's License Number (If you do not have a driver's license, then list the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number): **				

*If you reside at a non-traditional address attach a drawing or locational map of your address.

**Identification Requirement: If you do not have a driver's license or social security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and you have never registered to vote in the county you are now registering in, you must send, with this application, either a) a copy of current and valid photo identification, or b) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. If you do not provide the information requested above, you may be required to provide to election officials either (a) or (b) above the first time you vote after January 1, 2004 at a voting place or by absentee ballot.

Section II. IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME OR ADDRESS, LIST THAT NAME OR ADDRESS

CIRCLE Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle/Maiden Name:	Suffix: (JR, III)
Previous Address (Number & Street/Road/Dorm/Apt. or Lot #)				
Previous City:		Previous County:	Previous State:	Previous Zip:

Section III. VOTER DECLARATION- Read and Sign

I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that: I am a U.S. citizen. I will have lived in this state and county for at least 30 days before voting, and if a resident of a municipality, I will have lived in the municipality for at least 30 days before voting. I have never been convicted of any of the following crimes against the State of Mississippi: murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, bigamy, armed robbery, extortion, felony bad check, felony shoplifting, larceny, receiving stolen property, robbery, timber larceny, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, statutory rape, carjacking, or larceny under lease or rental agreement, or I have had my rights restored as required by law. I have not been declared mentally incompetent by a court. Furthermore, I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years old (or I will be before the next general election), the information given by me is true and correct and that I have truly answered all questions on this application for registration, and that I will faithfully support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Mississippi, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same.

X _____
Signature (or mark) of applicant

Date: _____

X _____
If applicant is unable to sign, the person who assisted the applicant must sign above

Date: _____

Daytime phone number(s) where applicant can be reached: _____

Was any person or group involved in the process of completing this form other than the voter? If yes, the person or group must provide the information below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

WARNING: FALSE REGISTRATION IS A FELONY. The penalty for conviction of false registration is imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5000), or both. *Miss. Code Ann § 23-15-17.*

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICANTS COMPLETING
REGISTRATION FORMS AT NVRA DESIGNATED AGENCIES**

If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today? Yes ☐ No ☐

IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME.

X Signature: _____

X _____

If applicant is unable to sign, the signature of the person who assisted applicant in completing this form.

Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency. (If applicable.)

If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private.

If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with: Mississippi Secretary of State, Elections Divisions, P.O. Box 136, Jackson, MS 39205-0136